

judgments shall draw interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1874.

CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT RELATING TO RAILROAD CORPORATIONS AND COMMON CARRIERS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Railroads running parallel not to consolidate stock.

SECTION 1. No railroad corporation, or the lessees, purchasers or managers of any railroad corporation, shall consolidate the stock, property or franchises of such corporation with, or lease or purchase the works or franchises of, or in any way control any other railroad corporation owning or having under its control a parallel or competing line; nor shall any officer of such railroad corporation act as an officer of any other railroad corporation owning or having the control of a parallel or competing line; and the question whether railroads are parallel or competing lines shall, when demanded by the party complainant, be decided by a jury as in other civil issues.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1874.

CHAPTER XXX.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING RAILROAD COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRES IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. All railroad companies or corporations operating or running cars or steam engines over roads in this state shall be liable to any party aggrieved for all damage caused by fire being scattered or thrown from said cars or engines without the owner or owners of the property so damaged being required to show defect in their engines or negligence on the part of their employees. But the fact of such fire being so scattered or thrown shall be construed by all courts having jurisdiction as prima facie evidence of such negligence or defect provided that the said railroad corporation may show upon the trial of any action that said damage arose from the default or negligence of the party injured.

Damages awarded caused by fire.

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SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 9, 1874.

CHAPTER XXXI.

AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF GRAIN ELEVATORS AND WAREHOUSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any railroad company or person, association or corporation engaged in the business of keeping an elevator or warehouse, situated upon the line of any railroad in this state, for receiving and handling grain for other persons, to charge any greater sum than two cents per bushel for receiving, elevating, handling and delivering such grain; nor shall it be lawful for any such railroad company, person, association or corporation to employ or allow any person to act as inspector of the grain received into their elevator or warehouse who is in any manner, directly or indirectly, interested in the purchase or shipping thereof.

Establishing rates for receiving grain in elevators.

SEC. 2. Whenever any railroad company shall refuse to receive, store, handle and deliver grain, at any station on the road, at the rates provided in section one of this act, then in such case, said railroad company shall, upon

When parties other than railroad corporation may erect and maintain warehouses.